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 - ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
 - ☐ Box No. II Priority
 - ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 - ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
 - ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☐ the drawings:
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	7	YES
	Claims	1-6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents were referred to:

D1 US 5,197,019 A

D2 JP 8-94740 A

The present invention relates to a distance measurement method and device using ultrasonic waves. The present invention includes amplifying a received ultrasonic wave signal and separating a specific frequency from an ultrasonic wave signal mixed with an unnecessary signal to extract an arrival signal of a first pulse.

D1 discloses a method for measuring the distance employing the ultrasonic wave diffused back by said faces and received by a sensor. After the digitalization, the temporal signal is transformed into a frequency spectrum. Following the suppression of the linear signal, the useful signal is applied to a frequency window in order to eliminate the noise therefrom. The signal thus obtained is inversely transformed to obtain a signal of which the amplitude is a function of the time and the envelope of this latter signal is determined. The distance 'e' is calculated from the relation $e = cx \Delta t / 2$.

D2 discloses an ultrasonic-wave transmitting/receiving means which comprises a transmitting-pulse generator 1 and a transceiver 2. An A/D converter 4 converts the received signal C from the transceiver 2 into the digital signal D and outputs the signal into a microcomputer 5. A counter circuit 3 counts the time from the transmission of the ultrasonic wave to the reception of the reflected wave exceeding a constant threshold value.

By the way, the technical features of D1 and D2 above seem to suggest similarities to those of the present invention in that D1 has a technical feature of transmitting/receiving pulses and applying the useful signal to a frequency window in order to eliminate the noise, and that D2 has a technical feature of an A/D converter 4 converting the received signal C from the transceiver 2 into the digital signal D, outputting the signal into a microcomputer 5, and counter circuit 3 counting the time from the transmission of the ultrasonic wave to the reception of the reflected wave exceeding a constant threshold value.

Accordingly, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to render out the present distance measurement method and device using ultrasonic waves without any difficulty, by combining the technical features referred to in D1, and D2.

Consequently, the characterizing features of the claims 1-6 of the present invention are considered not to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

The claims 1-7 in the present invention are considered novel and industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(2) and 33(4).